

DON'T BUILD THIS

Kaj Nyborg

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TWO-FACED REALITY

Susanne Eybl

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Søren Dahlgaard

Stalke Galleri, Kirke Sonnerup

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It was a great pleasure to open the doors to three solo exhibitions simultaneously.

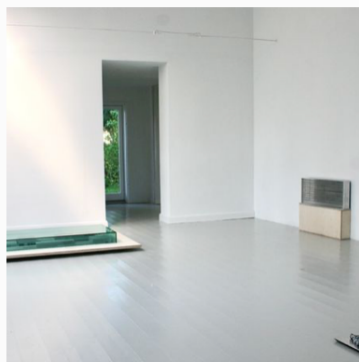
Søren Dahlgaard inaugurated Stalke's new Video Room with the video work *Challenging Dough*, in which the artist repeatedly performed push-ups in front of a private hedge. The video was silent, lasted 16 seconds, and looped continuously. In addition, Dahlgaard presented the photographic series *Dough Portraits*, which had recently been exhibited at the National Gallery of Denmark. In this work, an absurd encounter took place between familiar components: portrait photography and dough. The models literally had 10 kilograms of dough placed on their heads. Søren Dahlgaard transformed and challenged the familiar, encouraging viewers to see things in a new way.

Kaj Nyborg's exhibition *DON'T BUILD THIS* was built around sculptural models in aluminum: *COMPLEX (FILE 02)* and *LONG RUN HOME / TWIN A+B*. The models took their point of departure in architectural aesthetics, separating themselves from traditional architectural scale models by, upon closer inspection, emerging as cul-de-sacs or blind alleys. The models were not anchored in specific physical spaces but instead aimed to open pathways for thought processes that could lead to reworking and short-circuiting on a more mental level.

Susanne Eybl's exhibition *TWO-FACED REALITY* consisted of new drawings and collages filled with painful contrasts. On one side, the visual expression of the drawings was characterized by an almost childlike naivety; on the other, this naivety was threatened by the thematic content, which was presented with great sarcasm. Each drawing contained a struggle between the idealized dreams of "the good life" in our world and the situations of everyday life in the Western world, which had the potential to bring us back to life's harsher realities.



Installation view, Søren Dahlgaard, Dough Portraits, Stalke Galleri, 2008



Kaj Nyborg, DON'T BUILD THIS, installation, Stalke Galleri, 2008.



Susanne Eybl, TWO-FACED REALITY, drawings and collages, Stalke Galleri, 2008.